



## **State BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006**

### **West Virginia**

The population of West Virginia in 2006 was 1,808,699. Its rank was 37th in the nation.

#### **PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2006 West Virginia had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$27,895. This PCPI ranked 49th in the United States and was 76 percent of the national average, \$36,744. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 5.9 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 national change was 6.0 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of West Virginia was \$18,445 and ranked 49th in the United States. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.3 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2006 West Virginia had a total personal income (TPI) of \$50,452,908\*. This TPI ranked 39th in the United States. In 1996 the TPI of West Virginia was \$33,622,403\* and ranked 37th in the United States. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 6.1 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 national change was 7.1 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.4 percent.

#### **COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and total personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of West Virginia. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 61.8 percent of TPI (compared with 59.1 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 12.7 percent (compared with 16.7 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 25.5 percent (compared with 24.2 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings increased 5.2 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 8.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 7.0 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 4.6 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 1.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.7 percent.

#### **EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK**

Earnings of persons employed in West Virginia increased from \$33,176,385\* in 2005 to \$34,735,801\* in 2006, an increase of 4.7 percent. The 2005-2006 national change was 5.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of \$23,026,373\* to the 2006 estimate was 4.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.5 percent.

*\*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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